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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 25, 2001

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the subsequent remarks.

I. AMENDED CLAIMS, MARKED-UP COPY.

Please amend the claims as follows.

25. (Amended) A taggant pen comprising:
a pen; [and]
the pen containing ink; [and]
the ink containing a taggant; and
the taggant representative of an identification code.
26. (Amended) [The pen of claim 25 further including:]
A taggant pen comprising:
a pen;
the pen containing ink;